

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing resource passwords for resources organized into a plurality of groups of resources, comprising:
 - providing a user with a listing of resources to which the user is given access, wherein providing the user with a listing of resources includes providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources may be grouped together based upon non-password security parameters associated with the resources;
 - receiving selections from the user for grouping various ones of the resources into groups of resources;
 - storing the plurality of groups of resources in a user password profile;
 - identifying a plurality of resources that are part of a group of resources by retrieving [[a]] the user password profile in which the plurality of groups of resources are identified along with corresponding group password information for each of the plurality of groups of resources;
 - updating a first password for a first resource in the group of resources; and
 - updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources based on the updating of the first password for the first resource.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first password and the second password are the same.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources includes updating passwords for each of the resources in the group of resources to be the same as the first password.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein updating the first password for the first resource and updating the second password for the second resource are both performed in response to determining that the first password is about to expire.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one process spawns threads to update the first password and second password in response to updating the group password information.

6-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[6]] 1, wherein providing the user with a listing of resources includes providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources are already grouped with one another.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[6]] 1, further comprising:
storing a password in association with each of the groups of resources, wherein the password is used with each of the resources in a corresponding group of resources.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources includes updating only selected ones of the resources in the group of resources.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources includes:
prompting a user to change a password for one or more of the resources in the group of resources;
and
changing the password for the one or more resources selected by the user.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the one or more resources selected by the user includes all of the resources in the group of resources.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the group of resources is a group of resources each of which use the same password to authenticate a user's access to the resource

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1, wherein the user password profile is stored on a server.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1, wherein the user password profile is stored on a client device.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1, wherein the user password profile is distributed across the resources.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein updating the second password is performed automatically.
18. (Currently amended) A computer program product tangibly embodied in a tangible computer readable medium for managing resource passwords for resources organized into a plurality of groups of resources, comprising:
first instructions for identifying a plurality of resources that are part of a group of resources, by retrieving a user password profile in which the plurality of groups of resources are identified along with corresponding group password information for each of the plurality of groups of resources, wherein each of the plurality of groups of resources is a group of resources which use the same password to authenticate a user's access to the resource;
second instructions for updating a first password for a first resource in the group of resources; and
third instructions for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources based on the updating of the first password for the first resource, wherein the second password is updated automatically without user intervention.
19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the first password and the second password are the same.
20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the third instructions for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources include instructions for updating passwords for each of the resources in the group of resources to be the same as the first password.
21. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the second instructions for updating the first password for the first resource and the third instructions for updating the second password for the second resource are both executed in response to determining that the first password is about to expire.
22. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein at least one process spawns threads to update the first password and second password in response to updating the group password information ~~the first instructions include instructions for retrieving a user password profile in which groups of resources are identified along with corresponding password information.~~

23. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the first instructions include:

instructions for providing a user with a listing of resources to which the user is given access;

instructions for receiving selections from the user for grouping various ones of the resources into the plurality of groups of resources; and

instructions for storing the plurality of groups of resources in ~~[[a]]~~ the user password profile.

24. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the instructions for providing the user with a listing of resources include instructions for providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources may be grouped together based upon non-password security parameters associated with the resources.

25. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the instructions for providing the user with a listing of resources include instructions for providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources are already grouped with one another.

26. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, further comprising:
instructions for storing a password in association with each of the groups of resources, wherein the password is used with each of the resources in a corresponding group of resources.

27. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the third instructions for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources include instructions for updating only selected ones of the resources in the group of resources.

28. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the third instructions for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources include:

instructions for prompting a user to change a password for one or more of the resources in the group of resources; and

instructions for changing the password for the one or more resources selected by the user.

29. (Original) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the one or more resources selected by the user includes all of the resources in the group of resources.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing resource passwords, comprising:
means for providing a user with a listing of resources to which the user is given access, wherein providing the user with a listing of resources includes providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources may be grouped together based upon non-password security parameters associated with the resources;

means for identifying a plurality of resources that are part of a group of resources, wherein the group of resources is a group of resources each of which use the same password to authenticate a user's access to a resource defined to the group of resources;

means for updating a first password for a first resource in the group of resources; and

means for updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources based on the updating of the first password for the first resource.

32. (Currently amended) A method of managing resource passwords, comprising:
identifying a plurality of resources that may be grouped together according to non-password security parameters associated with the plurality of resources;
receiving a selection of two or more of the plurality of resources to be grouped together in a family [[or]] of resources;
updating a first password for a first resource in the family of resources; and
updating a second password for a second resource in the family of resources based on the updating of the first password.